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SUBJECT: COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES ON THE DEATH OF PRC CHAIRMAN
MAO TSE-TUNG

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SUMMARY: COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES IN OSLO ON MAO'S DEATH WERE
LOW KEY AND PROPER. PRIME MINISTER NORDLI EXPRESSED SYMPATHY
TO CHINESE PEOPLE. CHINESE EMBASSY INVITED SOME EMBASSIES TO
SIGN CONDOLENCE BOOK. US EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES WERE NOT
INVITED AND DID NOT SIGN BOOK. END SUMMARY

1. COMMEMORATION OF MAO TSE-TUNG'S DEATH IN OSLO WAS LOW-KEY
AND CORRECT. PRIME MINISTER NORDLI RELEASED A STATEMENT EXPRESSING
THE GON'S SYMPATHY TO THE "PEOPLE OF CHINA" AND ITS "SORROW AND
DEEP REGRET" AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DEATH. NORDLI SAID MAO "LEFT
BEHIND THE IMPRESSIVE CREATION OF A LIFETIME'S WORK OF WHICH HIS
PEOPLE ARE RIGHTLY PROUD." HE CONCLUDED THAT: "THE SIGNIFICANCE
OF HIS (MAO'S) ENDEAVORS EXTENDS FAR BEYOND THE FRONTIERS OF
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CHINA AND HAS LED TO HIS LEADING POSITION IN THE WORLD POLITICAL

SCENE."

2. KING OLAV V, THE PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER FRY-DENLUND SENT CONDOLENCE TELEGRAMS TO THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT. THE LOCAL MAOISTS SPONSORED A BRIEF CEREMONY IN SYMPATHY FOR LOSS OF THEIR HERO.

3. THE PRC EMBASSY SENT A CIRCULAR NOTE TO SELECTED EMBASSIES INFORMING THEM OF MAO'S DEATH AND INDICATING THAT A CONDOLENCES BOOK WOULD BE OPEN AT THE EMBASSY. IN ADDITION TO EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES SOME MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT ALSO SIGNED. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CHINESE EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY KUO HSIAO-FENG AND AN INTERPRETER RECEIVED INDIVIDUALS WHO CAME TO THE EMBASSY, WHICH WAS DECORATED WITH FLOWERS AND A HUGE PHOTOGRAPH OF CHAIRMAN MAO.

4. WE DID NOT RECEIVE THE CIRCULAR NOTE, NOR WERE NOT INFORMED ABOUT THE BOOK. CONSEQUENTLY NO REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EMBASSY SIGNED IT.
ANDERS

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